



ANNUAL REPORT
of the
Medical Officer
of Health
for the Year
1954.

Stokesley Rural District Council.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

To the Chairman, and Members of the Public Health Committee,
Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Rural District of Stokesley for the year ending 31st December, 1954. My predecessor, Dr. J. W. A. Rodgers, was Medical Officer during most of the year 1954, and therefore, my observations are based on the information obtained during his period of office.

The year 1954 has been a period displaying satisfactory and unsatisfactory features. It is usually desirable to face the unsatisfactory aspect first and this procedure is being followed.

The number of births during 1954 is less than for the previous year, this has resulted in a birth rate lower than that for the previous year although corresponding with the rate for the country as a whole. The infantile mortality rate, at 40 per 1000 related live births, is appreciably higher than the rate for England and Wales, where the figure of 25.5 per 1000 related live births is the lowest ever recorded. The neonatal mortality rate i.e. the mortality rate in the first month is twice the corresponding rate for the preceding year, and almost twice the rate for England and Wales. It must be pointed out, however, that where comparatively small numbers are being analysed, minor fluctuations in figures display marked differences in the rates.

The death rate is slightly higher than for England and Wales and higher than for the preceding year. The greatest number of deaths, as one would expect nowadays, is related to the diseases of the heart & circulatory system. This is understandable when one considers that the span of life is increasing and the higher age groups are forming an increasingly greater proportion of the population. Cancer ranks high as a cause of death and shows an increase both apparent and real. The younger population do not exhibit cancerous diseases as a rule, and the increasing age of the population tends to exaggerate the increase.

Notifiable diseases caused less mortality during the year than in the previous year, although unfortunately the only case of Poliomyelitis notified proved fatal. The notification of new cases of Tuberculosis showed a marked drop compared with 1953.

The Sanitary Circumstances of the district continued to show progress. The water supplies were on the whole satisfactory. Sewerage schemes for several villages named in the report are in the hands of the Ministry, and it is hoped that grants will be made soon to allow these schemes to progress.

The new housing programme has reached the stage when consideration can be given to dealing with unfit houses under Sections 11 and 25 of the Housing Acts of 1936 and 1949.

Food rationing ceased during 1954. This has resulted in the operation of local slaughterhouses for the provision of home-killed meat. In spite of the increased work involved, it is pleasant to record that the Sanitary Inspectors have managed to achieve 100% meat inspection.

This brief introduction to the Annual Report would not be complete if I failed to express my thanks to the Council for their kind welcome to me. I should like to express thanks to the officials for their co-operation, and I feel I should mention the very considerable help I have received from the members of the Public Health Department, who have given me every possible assistance.'

I am, Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JAMES McGOVERN,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A.

Statistical and General Conditions of the Area.

Area (In acres)	89,030
Registrar-General's Estimate of Resident Population, mid-1954 ...	17,860
Average population appropriate to the calculation of death rates...	17,860
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1954) according to Rate Books	5,811
Rateable Value	£95,094
Sum represented by a penny rate	£381

	Total	M.	F.	
Live Births	275	143	132	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population : 15.3
Legitimate	271	139	132	
Illegitimate	4	4	—	
Still Births	6	3	3	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births : 21.3
Deaths	226	105	121	Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population : 12.6

Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion (Heading 30 of the Registrar-General's Short List) :—Nil.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :

All infants per 1,000 live births	40.0
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	40.0
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births... ...	—

Death Rate of Infants under 4 weeks of age :

All infants per 1,000 live births	32.7
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	32.7
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births... ...	—

Death from Cancer (all ages)	32
,, „ Measles (all ages)	—
,, „ Whooping Cough	—
,, „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	1

General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

(a) LABORATORY FACILITIES:

During the year the Council made use of the arrangements offered by the Public Health Laboratory at the General Hospital, Middlesbrough, in respect of diagnosis of pathological specimens.

(b) AMBULANCE COVERAGE FOR STOKESLEY & STOKESLEY AREA:

Covered by N.R.C.C. Ambulance—Stationed at THORNABY:
Stainton, Maltby, Hilton.

Covered by N R C.C. Ambulance—Stationed at NORTHALLERTON:
Ingleby Arncliffe, E. Rounton.

Covered by Durham C.C. Ambulance—Stationed at STOCKTON:
Yarm. Crathorne. Worsalls. Kirkleavington.

Covered by S.J.A.B. Ambulance stationed at SOUTH BANK
(known as ESTON AMBULANCE):
Marton. Ormesby. Nunthorpe.

Covered by S.J.A.B. Ambulance—Stationed at GREAT AYTON:
Great Ayton. Stokesley. Great Broughton. Kirby. Easby.
Ingleby Greenhow. Hutton Rudby. Newby. Seamer. Bilsdale.
Kildale.

(c) NURSING IN THE HOME:

The day to day administration of the Home Nursing, Health Visiting and Domiciliary Midwifery Service is dealt with by the Local Health Sub-Committee. The following Nurses undertake these duties:—

Nurse Mather—Great Ayton and District.
Nurse Reavley—Hutton Rudby and District.
Nurses Scott and Petty—Nunthorpe, Ormesby, Marton.
Nurses Westbrook and Heath—Stokesley and District.
Nurse Wetherell—Whorlton District.
Nurse Inglis—Yarm and District.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS:

The North Riding County Council Ante-Natal and Infant Welfare Clinics in the Rural District are held as follows:—

INFANT WELFARE CLINICS:

Yarm—every Wednesday.
Stokesley—fortnightly on Mondays.
Ormesby—fortnightly on Wednesdays.
Great Ayton—1st and 3rd Thursdays each month.
Hutton Rudby—3rd Tuesday in month.
East Rounton—2nd Tuesday in month.
Nunthorpe—alternate Wednesday.

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS:

Yarm—every Wednesday.
Ormesby—fortnightly on Wednesdays.
Stokesley—fortnightly on Mondays.

INFANT MORTALITY:

Breakdown of this year's Infant Mortality figure:—

Deaths of Infants under 1 year:

Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	1
Encephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	1

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks:

Infantile Convulsion	...	...	...	...	...	2
Broncho Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	1
Immaturity	...	...	...	...	...	1
Haematemesis	...	...	...	...	...	1
Prematurity	...	...	...	...	...	4

Infant Mortality rates from 1934:

1934:	53.58
1935:	38.13
1936:	70.8
1937:	40.98
1938:	76.92
1939:	61.37
1940:	25.21
1941:	97.46
1942:	77.9
1943:	38.2
1944:	38.8
1945:	56.6
1946:	29.7
1947:	24.7
1948:	44.8
1949:	28.2
1950:	23.6 — under 4 weeks — 13.4
1951:	30.7 — under 4 weeks — 11.5
1952:	15.2 — under 4 weeks — 3.8
1953:	29.03 — under 4 weeks — 16.1
1954:	40.0 — under 4 weeks — 32.7

Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious and other Diseases.

DIPHTHERIA PROPHYLAXIS,

	Number Immunised 1954	Total Number Immunised 1937-1954
Under 5 years of age	198	1573
Aged 5-14 years of age ...	140	2451

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS)
DURING THE YEAR, 1954.

DISEASE.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Chicken Pox	... 126	—	—
Erysipelas	... 4	—	—
Food Poisoning	... 5	—	—
Measles	... 85	—	—
Pneumonia	... 14	1	—
Meningococcal Infection	1	1	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	... 1	—	—
Scarlet Fever	... 21	9	—
Whooping Cough	... 15	—	—
Poliomyelitis	... 1	1	1
Sonne Dysentery	... 1	1	—
 Total	... 274	13	2

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during 1954.

	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-	1	1	—	—	—	—
1-	—	—	—	—	—	—
5-	—	—	1	—	—	—
15-	—	—	—	—	—	—
25-	2	1	—	—	—	1
35-	2	1	—	—	1	—
45-	1	—	—	—	—	—
55-	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 & upwards	1	—	—	—	1	1
			7	3	1	—	1	1
							1	1

PARISHES:—

New Cases—Respiratory:—

MALE:

Stokesley	...	1
Hutton Rudby	...	1
Great Ayton	...	2
Ormesby	...	1
Yarm	...	2

FEMALE:

Ormesby	...	1
Stokesley	...	2

Non-Respiratory:—

MALE:

Great Ayton	1
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FEMALE:

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED SHOWING AGE GROUPS.

DISEASE.	Chicken Pox	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning.	Measles	Pneumonia	Meningococcal Infection.	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Sonne Dysentery	Poliomyelitis.	TOTALS.
Total Cases Notified	126	4	5	85	14	1	1	21	15	1	1	274
Under 1 year	5	—	1	3	—	1	—	—	3	—	—	13
1-	—	—	—	4	1	—	—	2	2	—	—	9
2-	4	—	1	6	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	14
3-	8	—	—	6	—	—	—	2	3	—	—	19
4-	7	—	—	14	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	25
5-	84	—	—	37	1	—	—	11	3	—	—	136
10-	8	—	—	14	1	—	—	4	—	1	1	29
15-	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
20-	3	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	6
35-	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
45-	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
65 and over	—	1	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
Age Unknown	5	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	9

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED SHOWING PARISHES.

DISEASE.	Chicken Pox	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning.	Measles	Pneumonia	Meningococcal Infection.	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Sonne Dysentery	Poliomyelitis.	TOTALS.
Bilsdale				1								2
Carlton				1	1							2
Crathorne				2								3
Faceby				4								4
Great Ayton	94	2	1	13	4	1			3	1		123
Great Busby				2								2
Hemlington	1											1
Hutton Rudby				48	2				2			52
Ingleby Arncliffe					1							1
Ingleby Greenhow	12	1										13
Kildale		2	2		2							4
Marton		2			1							6
Middleton				3								3
Newby					1							4
Nunthorpe		2										2
Ormesby	11								7			20
Picton				1					2			2
Potto				1					2			1
Sexhow				1					1			1
Stainton	4			1							1	6
Stokesley		4	5	3				1	2	3		18
Whorlton				1					1	2		3
Yarm				1								1
	126	4	5	85	14	1	1	21	15	1	1	274

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE STOKESLEY RURAL DISTRICT
FOR THE YEAR 1954.

Cause of Death		Total	Males	Females
Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	2	1	1
Tuberculosis, other	...	2	1	1
Meningococcal Infection	...	1	—	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	1	1	—
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	8	5	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	3	2	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	2	—	2
Other Malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	19	11	8
Diabetes	...	3	1	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	32	13	19
Coronary disease, angina	...	34	24	10
Hypertension with heart disease	...	2	—	2
Other heart disease	...	37	12	25
Other circulatory disease	...	11	3	8
Influenza	...	2	—	2
Pneumonia	...	11	4	7
Other diseases of respiratory system	...	2	2	—
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	4	2	2
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	1	—	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	...	2	—	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	...	9	9	—
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	28	6	22
Motor Vehicle accidents	...	2	2	—
All other accidents	...	6	5	1
Suicide	...	2	1	1
Totals		226	105	121

**Birth-Rates, Death-Rates and Case-Rates for certain Infectious Diseases
during the year 1954.**

						Stokesley R.D.C.	England & Wales
Per 1,000 Population.							
Births:							
Live	...	...	...	...	...	15.3	15.2
Still	...	...	...	...	...	0.33	
						12.6 (a)	23.4 (a)
Deaths:							
All Causes	...	...	...	...	...	12.6	11.3
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	0.22	.179
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	0.11	
Acute Poliomyelitis (including Polioencephalitis)	...					0.05	
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	0.61	
Notifications (Corrected):							
Meningococcal Infection		...	...	...	...	0.11	
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	2.3	
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	1.67	
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	0.44	
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	4.13	
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	0.78	
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis (Paralytic)		...	...	...	...	0.05	
Food Poisoning	...	...	...	...	...	0.28	
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	...	0.05	
Per 1,000 Live Births.							
Deaths:							
All causes under 1 year of age	...	...	...	...	...	40.0	25.5
Infants under 4 weeks of age	...	...	...	...	...	32.7	17.7
Enteritis and Diarrhoea under 2 years of age	...					3.6	
(a) — per 1,000 total (Live and Still) Births.							
MATERNAL MORTALITY.							
Due to abortion	...	...	...	...	—	0.11	
Maternal causes, excluding abortion	...	...	...	...	—	0.58	
Total maternal mortality	...	...	...	...	—	0.69	

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

1. (i) WATER:

The Council's Water Schemes collect water in four areas in the hills in the southern area of the district.

These are spring supply of exceptionally good quality. Due to the acidity and lack of carbonate hardness, however, precautions are taken at treatment plants on each scheme to reduce the corrosive action on metals.

Water collected from Turkey Nab is stored at a reservoir at Ingleby Greenhow and coupled to a second reservoir at Carlton. This system also takes the supply from Mere Beck springs, Faceby, and in the subsequent details of connections are shown as Turkey Nab and Mere Beck.

Water collected from three sets of springs is shown as the Scugdale Supply, and the third system of supply is Kildale Village.

The yields from these springs have been sufficient to maintain supplies during the year.

During periods of "peak draw" however, certain "high spots" and properties at end of mains have experienced difficulties in maintaining supplies despite the use of the high level water tower at Hutton Rudby.

This water tower, with a capacity of 50,000 gallons, is designed to fill at night and give a reserve supply to obviate the above problems.

EASBY:—During the year the extended mains from Ingleby Greenhow to Easby and Low Easby have been put into use and all available properties have made connections to the main. The emergency supply has been discontinued.

PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS.

TEES VALLEY WATER BOARD.

PARISH.	No. of Connections.		
	At 31/12/53	During 1954	At 31/12/54
Great Ayton 760	19 779
Hemlington 28	— 28
Maltby 60	— 60
Marton 458	40 498
Nunthorpe 125	1 126
Ormesby 876	36 912
Stainton 139	5 144
Stokesley 594	27 621
Yarm 637	22 659
Newby 1	— 1
Total	3678	150 3828

STOKESLEY R.D.C. (TURKEY NAB AND MERE BECK.)

PARISH.	No. of Connections.		
	At 31/12/53	During 1954	At 31/12/54
Carlton ...	99	1	100
Great and Little Broughton ...	213	—	213
Great Busby ...	24	—	24
Hilton ...	35	1	36
Hutton Rudby ...	313	2	315
Ingleby Barwick ...	24	—	24
Kirkby ...	79	4	83
Little Busby ...	5	—	5
Middleton ...	14	—	14
Potto ...	39	2	41
Rudby ...	29	1	30
Skutterskelfe ...	1	—	1
Sexhow ...	4	1	5
part Easby ...	3	12	15
Faceby ...	40	1	41
part Yarm ...	3	—	3
Total ...	925	25	950

STOKESLEY R.D.C. (SCUGDALE.)

PARISH.	No. of Connections.		
	At 31/12/53	During 1954	At 31/12/54
Castleleavington ...	7	—	7
Crathorne ...	53	1	54
High Worsall ...	17	—	17
Ingleby Arncliffe ...	21	6	27
Kirkleavington ...	53	—	53
Low Worsall ...	50	—	50
Picton ...	40	—	40
Whorlton ...	149	2	151
part Potto ...	11	—	11
part Hutton Rudby ...	6	2	8
part East Rounton ...	20	—	20
Total ...	427	11	438

STOKESLEY R.D.C. (KILDALE)

PARISH.	No. of Connections.		
	At 31/12/53	During 1954	At 31/12/54
Kildale	22

TEES VALLEY WATER BOARD MAINS EXTENSION.

(Water purchased in bulk from Tees Valley Water Board and distributed through the extended mains which are the property of the Stokesley Rural District Council.)

PARISH	No. of Connections		
	At 31/12/53	During 1954	At 31/12/54
Newby	46
Seamer	76
Stokesley	4
Total	126

The following table shows particulars of those Parishes which are not served with water by public piped supplies.

PARISH.	NATURE OF SUPPLY.
Bilsdale Midcable	...
	Pumps and wells and partial piped supply of the late Feversham Estate.
part Ingleby Arncliffe and East Rounton	...
	Private piped supply of Arncliffe Estate.
Ingleby Greenhow	...
	Private piped supply of Ingleby Greenhow Estate.
part Little Ayton	...
	Pumps and wells and private piped supply.

CHEMICAL & BACTERIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF WATER.

No.	Date of Sampling	ADDRESS.	SUMMARY OF ANALYST'S REPORT.
1/C.	12.5.54	Spring at Whorl Hill, Swainby. Private supply.	Satisfactory.
2/C.	21.6.54	Bank House Farm, Great Broughton. Private supply	According to the results the pre- sent condition of this water is satisfactory for drinking and general domestic purposes.
3/C.	13.9.54	Gribdale Terrace, Gt. Ayton. tap of storage tank— Private supply.	According to the results, the pre- sent condition of this water is satisfactory for drinking and general purposes, but on account of the acidity and lack of car- bonate hardness, due precaution against corrosive and plumbo- solvent action is advisable.
1/B.	20.1.54	Scarth Lees Farm, Swainby. Chamber.	Satisfactory.
2/B.	23.3.54	The Dorkings, Gt. Broughton Tap in slaughterhouse. Turkey Nab supply.	Satisfactory.
3/B.	23.3.54	Council Houses, Swainby. Tap in scullery.	Satisfactory.
4/B.	23.3.54	Council Offices—Ladies Toilet. T.V.W.B.	Satisfactory.
5/B.	12.5.54	Whorl Hill, Swainby Private supply.	Satisfactory.
6/B.	12.5.54	Whorlton Caravan Site. Collecting chamber.	Unsatisfactory.
7/B.	19.5.54	Northwood Farm, Bilsdale. Inlet from spring—private	Satisfactory.
8/B.	19.5.54	North Wood Farm, Bilsdale from reservoir—private.	Unsatisfactory
9/B.	21.6.54	Bank House Farm, Great Broughton.	Unsatisfactory.
10/B.	21.6.54	Ivy Croft, Great Broughton. Turkey Nab supply.	Satisfactory.
11/B.	21.6.54	New Row, Swainby— Scugdale supply.	Satisfactory.

CHEMICAL & BACTERIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF WATER—continued.

No.	Date of Sampling	ADDRESS.	SUMMARY OF ANALYST'S REPORT.
12/B.	21.6.54	South Side, Hutton Rudby. Turkey Nab supply.	Satisfactory.
13/B.	21.6.54	Post Office, Kildale. Kildale supply.	Satisfactory.
14/B.	21.6.54	Southfield, Great Ayton. T.V.W. Board.	Satisfactory.
15/B.	8.9.54	North Wood Farm and Broadfields, Bilsdale. Tap.	Satisfactory.
16/B.	8.9.54	Aikett House and Bank House, Bilsdale. Tap.	Satisfactory.
17/B.	8.9.54	Broughton Bank Farm.	Satisfactory.
18/B.	13.9.54	Gribdale Terrace, Gt. Ayton. Tap of storage tank— Private supply.	Satisfactory.
SB 1	54	Swimming Baths at Friends' School, Great Ayton.	Very Unsatisfactory.

(ii) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE:

Sewage Disposal Works are in operation in Parishes as detailed below:—

POSITION OF WORKS.	AREA SERVED.
Cargo Fleet Lane, Ormesby	Part of Parish of Ormesby.
Gipsy Lane, Marton.	Part of Parishes of Marton, Nunthorpe and Ormesby.
Tollesby Lane, Marton.	Part of Parish of Marton.
Great Ayton	Parish of Great Ayton.
Great Busby	Village of Great Busby.
Kirkleavington.	Village of Kirkleavington.
Stokesley.	Town of Stokesley.
Yarm	Worsall Road area and Council Housing Estate.
Maltby.	Stainton and Maltby.

PROPOSED SEWERAGE SCHEMES.

The proposed schemes of sewerage for the villages of Kirby and Great Broughton, Swainby, Carlton, Hutton Rudby, Seamer, Yarm and Ingleby Greenhow, for which application for provisional allocation of grants under the Water Supplies and Sewerage Act, 1944, have already been made, are still in the hands of the Ministry.

All these villages are on a public piped water supply and the sewerage conditions have been the subject of adverse reports for many years. It is hoped that substantial grants will be made available and sanctions given for the schemes to go ahead to relieve the danger to public health, and also improve the amenities of these villages.

(iii) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION:

The Council have again continued their offer of grants of half the cost up to £8 to property owners for converting pail closets and privies to water closets, and in the parishes where sewers and drains are available, there has been a steady pro-
in the parishes where sewers and drains are available, there has been progress as follows:—

PARISH.	No. of conversions
Stokesley	... 5
Stainton	... 1
Great Ayton	... 9
Hutton Rudby	... 7
Kildale	... 1
Kirkby	... 1
Yarm	... 3
Total ... 27	

(iv) CLEANSING OF RIVERS AND STREAMS:

The work has been carried out in the following parishes during the year:—

River Leven, Great Ayton.

River Leven, Stokesley.

Streams at Great Broughton, Carlton and Swainby.

It is regretted that where these streams flow through villages the practice of depositing rubbish and refuse still persists despite warning notices which are being displayed, and what could be a beauty spot is marred by the sight of disused household articles, debris and other rubbish.

(v) PUBLIC CLEANSING:

The Council undertake the collection of household refuse throughout the district and for the work use two Karrier, C.K.3 10 c.yd. and one Dennis 10 c.yd. vehicles. These three vehicles are fitted with double cabs for the transport of loaders. A Dennis 10 c. yd. vehicle is held in reserve.

Besides the drivers a crew of three loaders is normally carried. A weekly collection of bins and pans is carried out throughout the district, with the exception of part of 2 Parishes where bins are collected fortnightly. It is hoped that this service will be improved, but there are many problems in a rural area such as long collecting journeys with scattered properties, and long returns to a disposal point, which tend to make these services very expensive.

A comprehensive report has been considered and tests carried out with a larger capacity loader, pending re-organisation of the services.

A Summary of work carried out during the year is set out herewith:—

Vehicle.	Days Working	Loads	Bins	Pans	Ashpits
J P.Y. 578	304	617	63596	34948	4099
E.P.Y. 419	304	678 $\frac{1}{2}$	63895	14054	3743
E P.Y. 877	302	909 $\frac{1}{4}$	92117	9291	1423
Totals	910	2204 $\frac{3}{4}$	219608	58293	9265

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS:

Complaints	...	...	...	...	...	110
do. re-visits	...	...	...	...	...	92
Housing Act	...	...	...	...	...	111
do. revisits	...	...	...	...	...	35
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	5
Disinfections	...	...	...	...	...	5
Disinfestations	...	...	...	...	...	9
do. re-visits	...	...	...	...	...	2
Milk Supplies	...	...	...	...	...	3
Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	...	36
Water Samples	...	...	...	...	...	19
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	114
Meat Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	891
Other Foods	...	...	...	...	...	7
Factories and Workshops	...	...	...	...	...	5
Sewage Disposal Works	...	...	...	...	...	39
Sewers and Drains	...	...	...	...	...	76
Privy Conversions	...	...	...	...	...	68
Refuse Collection	...	...	...	...	...	250
New Houses Final Inspection	...	...	...	...	...	18
Petroleum Storage	...	...	...	...	...	17
Moveable Dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	16
Public Conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	180
Rodent Control	...	...	...	...	...	27
Meetings	...	...	...	...	...	29
Interviews	...	...	...	...	...	2
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	29

NUISANCES:

Number of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	110
" " re-inspections	...	...	...	...	...	92
" " Informal Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	76
" " Statutory Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	8
Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	...	12
Walls "	...	...	...	...	...	22
Floors relaid	...	...	...	...	...	9
Ceilings repaired	...	...	...	...	...	6
Closet pans renewed	...	...	...	...	...	17
Foul Cesspools	...	...	...	...	...	5
Foul Drains	...	...	...	...	...	23
Window Frames	...	...	...	...	...	6
Cooking Ranges	...	...	...	...	...	2
Defective Spouts	...	...	...	...	...	1
Defective Rainwater Pipes	...	...	...	...	...	6
Defective Water Service Pipes	...	...	...	...	...	3
Defective Water Closets	...	...	...	...	...	2
Defective Sink Wastes	...	...	...	...	...	2
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	34
Windows	...	...	...	...	...	2
Streams	...	...	...	...	...	57

(vii) HOUSING AND NEW BUILDINGS:—

Progress has been made in the reconditioning and improvement of dwellings under Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1949.

Further publicity was given and all farmers with farm workers cottages attached to their farms were supplied with leaflets describing the advantages of the Act and numerous enquiries were received.

During the year, 21 applications, in respect of 22 dwellings, were received; 3 were refused as not qualifying and 18 were approved for grants as detailed below:

	Parish		Estimated Cost.	Grant Approved.
			£	£
1.	Great Ayton	...	320	160
2.	Stainton	...	625	312.10.0
3.	Stokesley	...	798	399
4.	Stokesley	...	348	174
5.	Hutton Rudby	...	242	108
6.	Ingleby Greenhow	...	950	399
7.	Skutterskelfe	...	523	239
8.	Ingleby Greenhow	...	184	92
9.	Ingleby Greenhow (2)	...	1303	651.10.0
10.	Potto	...	798	399
11.	Great Ayton	...	772	386
12.	Ingleby Greenhow	...	424	212
13.	Great Ayton	...	215	107
14.	Picton	...	995	400
15.	Stokesley	...	931	400
16.	Hutton Rudby	...	417	208
17.	Ingleby Arncliffe	...	891	400
18.	Great Ayton	...	758	379

During the year, formal action was taken under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, in respect of three dwellings in Stokesley. Notices were served, the tenants rehoused and demolition commenced.

New Housing programme has now advanced to the extent that consideration may now be given to the rehousing of persons from unfit houses and preparations toward the dealing with slum clearance schemes are in hand.

Houses erected by Stokesley Rural District Council since the war are as detailed below:—

Parish		Completed.	Under Construction.
Stokesley	...	138	4
Great Ayton (Permanent)	...	133	20
Great Ayton (Temporary)	...	26	—
Ormesby	...	92	28
Stainton	...	30	—
Nunthorpe Station	...	28	—
Nunthorpe Village	...	2	4
Marton	...	11	—
Newby	...	4	—
Seamer	...	4	—
Broughton	...	12	—
Carlton	...	8	—
Swainby	...	6	—
Hutton Rudby	...	32	—
Rudby	...	2	—
Kildale	...	2	—
Hilton	...	4	—
Ingleby Greenhow	...	2	—
Yarm	...	91	10
Maltby	...	3	—
Low Worsall	...	4	—
Total	...	634	66

PLANS:

451 Plans have been considered during the twelve months, details of Parishes and description of Plans are given below:—

PARISH.	New Buildings.	Alterations to Buildings.	Garages.	Cowsheds & Dairies	Other Agricultural.	Others.	Total.
Carlton	..	1	1	—	—	—	1
Crathorne	..	1	—	—	—	—	1
East Rounton	..	1	—	—	—	—	1
Great Ayton	25	11	14	—	3	4	57
Great & Little Broughton	—	—	3	2	2	—	7
Hemlington	..	—	1	—	3	—	4
High Worsall	..	1	—	1	—	—	2
Hutton Rudby	3	2	—	1	2	1	9
Ingleby Arncliffe	—	4	—	—	—	—	5
Ingleby Greenhow	1	4	1	—	—	—	6
Kirkby	3	—	2	—	3	—	8
Kirkleavington	—	—	2	—	—	—	2
Low Worsall	—	1	1	—	—	—	2
Maltby	3	1	2	—	1	—	7
Marton	34	4	20	1	—	3	62
Newby	—	—	2	—	1	—	3
Nunthorpe	56	7	15	—	1	1	80
Ormesby	43	5	12	—	3	—	63
Picton	—	1	—	—	2	—	3
Potto	—	2	—	—	1	—	3
Rudby	1	2	—	—	4	—	7
Seamer	—	2	3	—	1	—	6
Skutterskelfe	—	1	—	—	1	—	2
Stainton	5	4	2	—	1	—	12
Stokesley	21	9	8	—	1	4	43
Whorlton	2	2	1	—	1	—	6
Yarm	24	6	17	—	—	2	49
Total	221	71	107	5	32	15	451

(viii) SHOPS:

No action has been required.

(ix) FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS:

In accordance with instructions, details are set out as requested under Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors.)

PREMISES. (1)	M/c Line No. (2)	Number on Register. (3)	Number of			M/c Line No. (7)
			Inspections. (4)	Written Notices. (5)	Occupiers prosecuted. (6)	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by L. Authorities.	1	23		NIL.	NIL.	1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the L. A.	2	57	10	NIL.	NIL.	2
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the L.A. (excluding out-workers' premises.)	3	7		NIL.	NIL.	3
TOTAL		87	10			

PARISH.	With Power	No.	No. Without Power
		With Power	
Bilsdale	...	—	2
Carlton	...	1	—
Crathorne	...	1	1
Easby	...	—	1
Great Ayton	...	9	2
Great Broughton	...	1	—
Hemlington	...	1	—
Hutton Rudby	...	3	—
Ingleby Arncliffe	...	—	1
Ingleby Greenhow	...	—	1
Kirkleavington	...	1	—
Maltby	...	1	—
Marton	...	1	—
Newby	...	1	—
Nunthorpe	...	5	2
Ormesby	...	5	—
Seamer	...	1	—
Stainton	...	1	2
Stokesley	...	11	4
Whorlton	...	2	—
Yarm	...	12	7
Totals	...	57	23

TRADES.	Number
Blacksmith	6
Joiner, Wheelwright, Etc.	13
Light. Eng. and Metallurgical Eng.	1
Garage, Filling Station, Engineer	14
Firewood	1
Burling and Mending	1
Coach Service	1
Boot and Shoe Repairing	2
Builder	9
Coach Builder	2
Miller	4
Haulage	2
Decorator	1
Bakery	9
Plumber	2
Tailor	1
Brewer	1
Brick and Tile Maker	1
Public Utility Undertakings	3
Printer	1
Electrician	1
Millwright and Engineer	1
Fellmonger	1
Laundry	1
Dyer and Cleaner	1
Total	80

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) MILK SUPPLY:

Under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949 and the Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949 and the Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949, the local authority are responsible for the distributive side and issuing of supplementary licences in respect of the two later Regulations.

Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1949.

Dealer's Licenses.

Licences to use the Special Designations, "Tuberculin Tested" "Accredited" "Pasteurised and Sterilised" in relation to milk sold from premises in the area, have been issued as follows:—

Tuberculin Tested	...	...	...	9
Accredited	...	...	...	1
Pasteurised	...	...	...	9
Sterilised	...	...	...	4

Supplementary Licences.

Supplementary licences to use the Special Designations in relation to milk sold within the Stokesley district from premises outside the area have been issued as follows:—

Tuberculin Tested	...	...	...	3
Pasteurised	...	...	...	3
Sterilised	...	...	...	2

MILK AND DAIRIES (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) ORDERS.

From information received from the County Medical Officer of Health, licences have been issued under the Milk (Special Designation) Orders, as detailed below:—

Accredited	...	...	...	23
Tuberculin Tested	...	...	...	127

(b) FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.

ICE CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT) REGULATIONS:

During the year 2 licences have been issued to retailers of ice-cream. In both instances the premises have been inspected and the condition of the licence is that the ice-cream is pre-packed and is sold from approved refrigerated cabinets.

There are 2 registered manufacturers within the area.

(c) SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND MEAT INSPECTION:

Intimation was given at the beginning of the year that food rationing would end by July 1st, and in March, Ministry of Food Circular 4/54 was received by the Council.

This circular stated that the Government had accepted the recommendations of the Inter-departmental Committee on Slaughterhouses, except that relating to the compulsory leasing of slaughterhouses by local authorities, that a meeting with representatives of the Associations of local authorities was to be held to discuss the general arrangements for implementing the Committee's recommendations, and thereafter, a letter of guidance would be sent to local authorities.

The circular also advised that in advance of the letter of general guidance on general principles, local authorities should, without delay, start consultations with organisations representing farmers and meat traders in their districts to ascertain what slaughtering facilities would be required to enable the distribution of home killed meat to proceed smoothly on decontrol.

In 1939 there were 32 registered and licensed slaughterhouses in the district and on an inspection it was found that—

- 13—had either been demolished or had changed use and were not likely to be used again as slaughterhouses.
- 8—were in very poor condition.
- 7—were moderately satisfactory: structural conditions, siting and lack of lairage facilities being the main drawback.
- 4—were in good order requiring only cleansing and minor improvements.

PUBLIC SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

This information was available when members of the Council and officials met the organisations concerned. After several meetings it was decided to recommend the use of 5 slaughterhouses, subject to the following conditions:—

- (a) the Council to lease the slaughterhouses for a nominal sum of £1 per year until 31st July, 1957;
- (b) they would vest the management of the same as public slaughtering facilities in the present occupiers;
- (c) the present occupiers would operate their premises as public slaughterhouses and make charges for services rendered therein or for the use of the premises in accordance with a scale of fees to be agreed by the Ministry of Food and the Council;
- (d) the present occupiers would receive all fees payable for the use of their premises or for services rendered therein.

These recommendations were accepted and provisional leases prepared to enter into with the 5 owners of slaughterhouses.

These slaughterhouses were brought up to the requirements of the Sanitary Inspectors and were ready for use when rationing finished on the 1st July.

They have proved adequate for dealing with not only the whole of the meat supplies in the district, but quite a large amount is now being slaughtered for sale in adjoining areas.

Inspection work has increased and entailed quite a lot of additional duties for the Inspectors, but I am pleased to say that 100% inspection is being maintained and the co-operation of the butchers is much appreciated.

Details of visits, inspections and condemnation are shown in the following details:—

DETAILS OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED.

Period: 1954.	Steers	Heifers	Cows & Bulls.	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Rams & Ewes	Pigs.	Sows & Boars	Total.
2 July—7 Aug....	71	104	68	37	635	2	79	—	996
8 Aug.—4 Sept...	65	72	23	29	861	8	78	5	1141
5 Sept.—2 Oct....	80	70	39	38	837	46	195	8	1313
3 Oct.—6 Nov....	123	111	52	76	947	91	343	14	1757
7 Nov.—4 Dec....	93	117	53	48	555	130	284	26	1306
5 Dec.—1 Jan....	88	84	41	31	397	46	570	23	1280
Totals for 26 weeks...	520	558	276	259	4232	323	1549	76	7793

In this period 860 visits were made for inspection of carcases.

MEAT INSPECTION:

Details of Condemnations from 1st July, 1954.

(d) LICENSED PREMISES:

There are 54 licensed premises in the area.

Owing to increased road travel, motorists, cyclists, bus parties, the use of the "Country Pub" has been greatly increased and there has certainly been a change and improvement in the amenities offered.

The extension of essential services has meant that piped water, electricity, gas and main drainage is available in even remote places.

This has enabled improvements to be carried out and the owners have been very willing to raise the standards of their premises.

This is particularly noticed in the sanitary accommodation and it is only due to lack of main drainage that there are any premises that are still on the conservancy system.

Of the 54 premises, 40 are on the water carriage system and 14 on pail closets

During the year, reconstruction and improvements have been carried out at seven, and schemes are prepared, or in hand, for a further six.

Other improvements have followed with the provision of piped water and now hot water is available for washing and cleansing of glasses and equipment.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

	Local Authority.	Dwelling Houses (including Council Houses)	All Other (Including Business Premises)	Total of Cols. (1), (2) and (3).	Agricultural.
Number of properties in local authority's district	... 19	5661	176	5856	750
Number of properties inspected as a result of—					
(a) Notification	... —	118	14	132	17
(b) Survey under the Act	... 19	141	42	202	68
(c) Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	... —	—	—	—	—
Total inspections carried out including re-inspections	... 32	255	65	352	101
Number of properties inspected (in Sec. II) which were found to be infested by—					
(a) Rats—Major	... —	19	6	25	23
—Minor	... 10	152	11	173	9
(b) Mice—Major	... —	2	4	6	8
—Minor	... —	17	1	18	24
Number of infested properties (in Sec. IV) treated by L.A.	... 10	174	22	196	19
Total treatments carried out including re-treatments	... 55	188	22	225	20
Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act:—					
(a) Treatment	... Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Structural Work	... Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Section 4 of the Act	... —	—	—	—	—
Legal Proceedings	... —	—	—	—	—

